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110.	U.A.E.	1.75 million Approx.	240,437
111.	UK	1.5-2 million Approx.	555113
112.	Ukraine	4000 (Including PIOs)	50715
113.	U.S.A	22,45,239 (Including PIOs)	684038
114.	Uzbekistan	200	40399
115.	Venezuela (With Netherlands Antilles and Aruba)	5700 (Including PIOs)	48802
116.	Vietanam	750(30)=780 (approx.)	89323
117.	Yemen	10,000(1,00,000)=1,10,000	24926
118.	Zambia (With Malawi)	20,000 (Including PIOs)	38037
119.	Zimbabwe	500(10,000)=10,500	46523

There are no separate budgetary allocations for Indian Missions/Posts for incurring expenditure on consular matters. However, the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs have set up an Indian Community Welfare Fund in October 2009 in 17 ECR countries and the Maldives, allocating funds at the disposal of these Missions to meet contingency expenditure for carrying out various welfare activities for distressed Indian nationals in these countries. These countries include the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Oman, Qatar, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Malaysia (Allocated Rs.15 lakh each), Libya, Jordan, Yemen, Sudan, Afghanistan, Indonesia, Syria, Lebanon, Thailand, Iraq and the Maldives (Allocated Rs. 5 lakh each).

Acquiring of sophisticated weapons with nuclear capabilities by Pakistan

2353. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan is now keeping its missiles and war heads with nuclear capability in close proximity as if it is ready for war;

(b) if so, the details thereof and our position to meet the challenge;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Pakistan has approached USA and other countries for acquiring more sophisticated weapons on lease basis;

(d) if so, whether Government has conveyed its concern to those countries against the sinister designs of Pakistan; and

(e) if so, response of those Governments?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) and (b) Government closely monitors all strategic programmes in India's neighbourhood. It remains committed to taking all necessary steps to safeguard the nation's security.

(c) Yes.

(d) and (e) Government has consistently drawn the attention of the United States and other countries to the need for proper benchmarks and accountability to prevent the diversion of assistance provided to Pakistan for use in its military build up against India. Government has also stressed the need for constant vigilance as also close monitoring of such assistance being provided.

Visit of Bangladesh's Minister to Meghalaya

2354. SHRI THOMAS SANGMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether recently, a Bangladesh State Minister for Cultural Affairs visited the State of Meghalaya to attend a cultural festival in the State;

(b) whether due courtesy and usual protocol were not extended to that Bangladesh Minister like, treating him as State Guest, giving him Guard of Honour, etc.;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and whether the State Government of Meghalaya has tendered an apology to that Minister; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) Yes.

(b) Due courtesies and protocol were provided to him such as transport, security and place of stay by Government of Meghalaya.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

RPO at Rajkot

2355. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Saurashtra has demanded regional passport office at Rajkot;

(b) whether there is any proposal to establish regional passport office at Rajkot;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SHASHI THAROOR): (a) Yes.

(b) to (d) The Government is committed to improve the Passport Issuance System as a whole, and has accordingly started implementing the Passport Seva Project (PSP) under which Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs) are being established throughout the country with the objective to deliver passport related services to the citizens in a timely, reliable, more transparent and accessible manner. The National Institute of Smart Governance had recommended the location of the Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs) on the basis of a study conducted by them on the number